

PTA ACTIVITIES

High School Howard Wood L.-S.P. Council

The second meeting of Torrance High School PTA was held last Tuesday evening in the school cafeteria.

A large number of parents and teachers were entertained by students of the music department of the high school.

Under the direction of Mr. Baum, a string ensemble entertained with several numbers. The ensemble included Sally Bridgman, Don Kelly, Carol Sue Jackson, Ikuo Kato, Mary Wood, Joan Vachalek and Grace Madry with Marilyn Brooks accompanying at the piano. A clarinet quartet including Jackie Johnston, Barbara Hester, Roy Kato and Bill Strohm also entertained with several numbers. Bruce Wagner, principal, introduced the freshman teachers.

A panel of students from the four grade levels and three parents with Miss C. Rous, girls advisor, as moderator discussed questions pertinent to the topic "Keeping Pace With Youth." The panel included Jim Donnette, Vicki Hagen, Julie Carcerano, Mike Morgan, Mrs. Ross Dorset, Mrs. Lloyd Davis and Mr. Phillip Humphries.

The panel reached the conclusion that a mutual understanding between parents and students of the problems of youth would solve many of the problems. Freshman parents and teachers were honored at this meeting. Freshmen mothers under the direction of Mrs. William Speck, hospitality chairman, were hostesses during the social hour.

232nd Place

The 232nd Pl. School PTA held a meeting at the school Nov. 10. Mrs. Gertrude Petty, assistant superintendent of schools, was guest speaker. Her topic was "Know Your School Better."

Miss Ethel Bromley gave a short talk and was followed by students of the sixth grade. The skits put on by these children covered the country of Mexico under the direction of Andrew Osborne.

A new Safety and Juvenile Protection Association chairman, Mrs. William Thomas, was ratified.

Mrs. Donald O'Neill reported on the carnival of Oct. 29, 1954. Winning award for the parade were Sharon Kelly, Tommy Kennedy, Mitchell Mitchell, and Tommy Monahan. Refreshments were served by the sixth grade mothers.

A house to house march for funds was made by some of the 232nd Pl. School PTA for the Community Chest. Some of the volunteers were: Mmes. Robert Crow, Kenneth Madison, Ray Long, Kenneth Fortney, Glenn Myers, John Chartuck, Paul Whipp, Darrell Martinsen, Jack McFadden, Earnst Palmer, Ralph Sunderland, Charles Brown, Robert Ross, Thelma Foster, Thelma Hunter, and William Cornick. Amount of the drive was \$250, and was made under the direction of Mmes. Robert Ross and Glenn Myers.

Reflections

By J. HUGH SHERFEE, JR.
IT WAS FIFTY YEARS AGO when Elene and Gene stepped out of a stinking hold of a ship to the wharf at Ellis Island. An officer was kind. Strangers smiled a welcome. A policeman took a rope-tied bundle from Elene's hand and carried it to a street car. They thanked their understanding thanks. Offered to pay. The policeman shook his head, smiled broadly. "My parents were immigrants but they're Americans now."

Elene and Gene vowed they would become American citizens. They have. Children come, ghostly proud, they sent them to public school. Elene and Gene bought a home, their children went to Sunday School to college. Now the family sits around a table with simple food that only the richest in the Old Country could afford. Gene bows his head, "Thanks," he prays, "for the riches we enjoy, for the kindness of the officer who greeted us, the policeman who helped Elene carry her heavy bundle. And Thanks, Dear God, for the right to be an American Citizen."

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The Howard Wood Elementary PTA executive board will meet Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., at the home of Mrs. David Foote, 2080 Reynolds Dr.

Plans for the next association meeting on Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., will be made. Mrs. Lee M. Polick, president, promises a very interesting meeting.

The November meeting of the association drew a record crowd of over 100 members to hear Sgt. D. C. Cook who spoke on "Narcotics."

One of the series of lectures held at the Torrance Library last Friday was attended by five members of the executive board. Attending were Mrs. Lee M. Polick, president; Mrs. David Foote, room representative chairman; Mrs. T. T. Aarup, recording secretary; Mrs. Walter Sharon, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. W. Dickson, welfare chairman.

Mrs. Lee Polick and Mrs. U. G. Tidmarsh represented the unit at the T.E.A.C. meeting last week.

186th Street School PTA held two successful ways and means projects recently. A rag and paper drive netted \$59.30 and the recent carnival netted \$353.60.

Half of this amount has been given to the 186th Street Student Body Fund.

A room representative workshop was held recently by Mrs. Ben Cothran, room representative chairman. PTA policies and school policies were discussed.

Plans were also made for the Christmas, Easter and last day of school parties for the 981 children enrolled at 186th. Among those present were: Mmes. Mildred Fletcher, principal, and A. B. Pond, president.

Refreshments of cookies, tea and coffee were served.

Children at Harlan Shoemaker School are given as fine an educational background as possible. No pampering is given to pupils who are thus encouraged to take their own place in the world," stated Mrs. Frances Nordhoff, principal and guest speaker at the November meeting of Lomita-San Pedro Council held at 259th Place School.

Mrs. Don Wolf, recreation chairman, gave a report on a Bus Tour of Los Angeles playgrounds and parks.

Attending conferences this month at the Health Center Bldg. in Los Angeles, were: Mmes. William Hinz, youth services chairman and Amanda Bonwell, school education chairman.

Two new chairmen were ratified, they were: Mmes. R. Wood, parent education and A. C. Akerson, homemaking.

Lomita-San Pedro Council has a new project of supplying children's clothing and used furniture for Navajo families, recently moved into Normont Terrace from New Mexico and Arizona. There is an immediate need for the clothing.

A poster contest is to be held in December and all locals are invited to participate.

Tenth District meeting will be held on Dec. 2, at 10 a.m. in Dorsey High School, 3537 Farmdale Ave., Los Angeles.

Barton Hill PTA will host Council on Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. in Homer Toberman Settlement House.

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Birdcage 'Drama' Scores Hit at Knott's Berry Farm

With the admonition "Check Your Gun and Your Spurs at the Box Office" thousands of theatre goers are getting into the "Swing" and enjoying a talent-packed production of "The Streets of New York" at the Birdcage Theatre at Knott's Berry Farm produced under the direction of none other than Catherine Coleman, 3108 El Dorado Ave., Torrance.

Miss Coleman, who had her own dance studio and charm school here before becoming production manager for the current melodrama at the famous "Farm," was publicity director for "The Drunkard" which enjoyed a popular 21 year run at the Theatre Mart in Los Angeles.

George Stuart, well known master of ceremonies with "The Drunkard" for 20 years heads the cast and is the genial host at the olio. With Woodie Wilson, also a leading man in "The Drunkard" for ten years, the two entertainers will operate the theatre at Knott's all year 'round. Stella Rae directs the play with music on the 88 by Tom Owens.

In the setting of the internationally famous Ghost Town which attracts tourists from all over the world, attendance at the theatre where the audience "hisses the villain and cheers the hero" and participates in the olio typical of "grandfather's day," the addition of the Birdcage theatre has brought a complete enjoyment to the "days of the Old West" for all visiting the farm, including entire families, young people groups and organizations.

Last Saturday evening on the stage at the theatre, California Cosmetologists Inc. Unit 33 from the South Bay area numbering 200, enjoyed dinner at the farm and then held installation of officers on the stage at the theatre. Installed were: Mary Ferran, of Rolling Hills, president; Edith Stiles of Manhattan Beach, vice president; Clifton Towers, Rolling Hills, treasurer; and Grace Kennon, Manhattan Beach, secretary.

HOBBY CLUB TO BE FORMED

A stamp collectors club will be organized Wednesday evening Nov. 24 at 7:40 in the lecture room of the Torrance Municipal Library. All persons interested in stamps are invited to attend. Coin collectors are also invited to attend this meeting.

RUMMAGE SALE

Members of the Job's Daughters Mothers Club will hold a rummage sale Friday and Saturday, from 10 until 5 p.m., at 1550 Cravena Ave., next door to the Grand Theater.

Anyone having rummage to be picked up is to contact Mrs. William Specht, 1511 Acacia Ave. Articles available are clothing, household articles and toys. Proceeds will be used for Job's Daughters projects.

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